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In re Application of:

Maropis et al.

Serial No. 09/417,266

Filed: October 12, 1999

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PROVIDING PRE-PAID LOCAL
TELEPHONE SERVICES

Group Art Unit: 2742

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

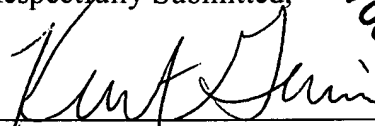
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97-1.99, Applicant hereby submits the following references for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of each have been enclosed along with the form PTO-1449.

Applicant does not represent any of these references to be prior art and
Applicant reserves the right to disqualify any references by the showing of an earlier
date of invention, if appropriate.

Respectfully Submitted,



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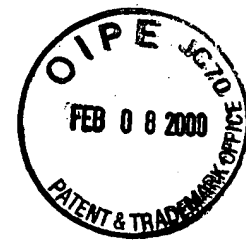
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Transmitted herewith is Information Disclosure Statement (with 60 cited references); PTO Form 1449.

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- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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EXPLANATION OF THE REFERENCES

As of the day of filing of this information disclosure statement, a first office action on the merits has not been received by the undersigned. Accordingly, no fee for consideration of the information provided with this disclosure statement is included herewith, as permitted by 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). However, if an office action on the merits is mailed on a date prior hereto, Applicant hereby requests and authorizes the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account 23-1925 for the appropriate fee of \$240 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) for consideration of the information set forth in this disclosure statement.

Applicant requests to have these references included in the record of this application. Applicant further requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of each reference. It is believed that none of these references, alone or in proper combination, discloses or suggests the subject matter claimed by Applicant.